Before the Governing Board of Speech Language Pathology Concord, NH

In the Matter Of:

Mary A. Kennedy, SLP

License #466

<u>ORDER</u>

Now before the Board is the March 21, 1998 petition, pursuant to Spe 212, of Mary A. Kennedy (the "Licensee") for an extension of the time necessary to complete continuing education. Pursuant to Spe 402.01 (b) and (g), the Licensee is obligated to provide proof of completion of 15 hours of continuing education completed on or before March 31 of each year. Spe 401.05 provides that renewal of the license to practice speech language pathology shall be denied if the Licensee has not completed the required continuing education. According to the petition, the Licensee has failed to pursue any continuing education during the past year. A review of the records also indicates that the Licensee was granted a petition to complete her continuing education after the deadline during the previous year.

The Licensee has further failed to provide any justification for her failure to complete the required continuing education and does not provide any details of her plans to remedy the deficiency during the requested extension time. The Board believes that an extension of six months under these circumstances is not warranted. The Board expects that the Licensee could accumulate the required 15 hours of continuing education prior to the expiration of her license on June 30 and will grant an extension only till that time.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, That Mary A. Kennedy shall be granted an extension of the time required to complete continuing education until June 30, 1998.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the license shall not be renewed until such time as the Licensee completes the required continuing education and submits proof of completion to the Board's office at 2 Industrial Park Drive, Concord, NH. Failure to provide the necessary documentation with the application for renewal and renewal fee shall cause the license to lapse on June 30, 1998.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD/*

Date: 5/18/98

Karen Lamoureux Administrator

^{/*} Regina Keating, Board member not participating